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U.S. Government Supports Women's Empowerment Program as Part of Lower Mekong Initiative: *Calls for Local Applicants to Spend Five Weeks in U.S. to Explore Women's Issues*

The U.S. Department of State awarded a grant to the University of Montana, in collaboration with Chiang Mai University's Women Studies Center, for local applicants to participate in a Women's Empowerment Program in the U.S. in support of the Lower Mekong Initiative (LMI).

Successful candidates from Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam will spend five weeks in the U.S. engaged in collaborative action to address women's concerns. Candidates must have a strong interest in women's issues that affect the broader society, including business, civil society and journalism; be between 25-45 years of age; and have a good knowledge of English. Preferred candidates would have little or no prior study or travel experience in the U.S. The application deadline is December 10, 2011.

For more details, please visit the U.S. Consulate General, Chiang Mai's website at <http://chiangmai.usconsulate.gov/> or that of the Chiang Mai University's Women Studies Center at <http://wsc.soc.cmu.ac.th/index.html>.

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